

**Amendments to the Specification:**

At page 48, please amend the paragraph from lines 3-10 as follows:

TABLE 1C shows ~~are~~ “rs” identifier numbers ~~s~~ for each of the SNPs identified herein as lying outside of the protein C and EPCR sequences (SEQ ID NOs:1 and 2 respectively). The ~~database data-base~~ SNP # (db SNP #) - have a “rs” prefix which designates a SNP in the database which is found at the NCBI SNP database at the following URL on the Worldwide web: (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=Snp>). The “rs” numbers are the NCBI | rsSNP ID form. Also shown are the chromosome and contig accession numbers on which the sequences may be found, the alleles at each SNP and the position of the SNP relative to the protein C or EPCR sequence.